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A Godly Truth System

Godly Truth filter:

A major component of knowing and embracing God’s truth system is a person’s intimacy with the God in the Bible, e.g., how God thinks and their commitment to the inerrancy of the Bible.

Here are six views of God’s thinking we must understand and use as a filter as we live life.

1. Goodness of God:

God declares himself to be a good God. Jesus said, “And He said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? There is none good but one, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.’”

God is declared good by Jesus. But God killed David’s child and the 10 children of Job and more. From our perspective this is a contradiction to a “good God.” We tend to see all events in our life as the last “chapter” of the event. We discount the reality that God will write the last chapter in eternity. We live with these two antinomies by viewing David’s baby son’s death and the 10 children of Job, knowing that they now with God. Their death was not their last chapter. We must consider that God has many more plans for us in eternity as He writes the last chapter on these events (our life). Our perspective is trapped in a temporal life span thinking temporally. We trust God’s goodness and know the question will be perfected in eternity.

Job’s conclusion on God at the end of his travail was:

Job 42:2 “I know that You can do all, and not any purpose is withheld from You.”

Job 42:3 “Who is he who hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore, I have spoken what I did not understand; things too wonderful for me; yea, I did not know.”

We must see our life and life’s events in the hands of a loving and good God. Times can be hard and harsh, but we believe that in the end (eternity) God will show us how they worked together for good. The anchor to our truth system is God is good and He gets to define what is good. We don’t define good.

Some challenges to this position:

1. Holocaust
2. Polio in the 40’s and 50’s
3. Slavery
4. Cancer
5. Etc.

**No matter the apparent evidence to the contrary, God is good. We will not understand this on this side of eternity.**

2. God loves all people.

We may be repulsed with sexual deviancy, but we are all God’s people. We are to love them and help lead them to salvation. We are not to condone, but also, we are not to condemn. I have numerous friends who are adulterers, liars, thieves, foul-mouthed, drunks, poor parents and poor spouses, etc., but my job is to love them and help them to the Kingdom. I am not to condemn or condone them. To do this we must first understand:

1. what love is in the Bible
2. the total work of Christ
3. the future of mankind: Heaven or Hell
4. and the fear of God

This conflict is exasperated by the fact we live in an ever-changing culture and mores but God’s thinking has never changed.

**The truth is, don’t condemn or condone non-Christian people.**

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3. Why do we have God’s commands:

\*\* for us to get to know the living God

\*\* for obedience to the commands assures us of our love for God

\*\* for our obedience to Scripture may moderate a society

\*\* for our obedience will prepare us for Heaven

What the commands are not for:

\*\* to correct society

\*\* to straighten out social problems

Theocracy has never worked, so view, know, understand, and obey the commandments.

**The commands are not given to us to correct our current government or society….it is to correct us and educate us on God.**

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4. Our progeny and God’s teaching:

Raising a child: A verse that meant a lot to me when I was raising the children was

Prov 22:6 “Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Now my history says that is not always how it seems to work out. So, what could the proverb by God be saying? I think, and I am taking interpretive liberty, the truth better put is “teach a child a Christian truth system he can understand and live with and they will stay with God and make spiritual adjustments as their culture changes.”

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**Rules and applications get modified over time, but the truth system perseveres.**

5. God’s Sovereignty:

During the time of your stay on the earth, you must come to peace with the responsibility of man and the sovereignty of God.

I am not equipped as a biblical scholar to discuss all the thinking or subtleties of this antinomy.

But the final truths from Job on this question are:

1. **Man is responsible for his actions.**
2. **God is in control of all events and circumstances in our life.**

A study of the life of Job illustrates these truths. This book is deep, poignant, revealing about God’s nature. I cannot plumb the truths of God in this book, but let me make some disputable but obvious observations.

1. God accepts the blame for Job’s problem.
2. Job’s friends were sold on the conclusion that negative events in life come because of sin we have committed. Job refutes this position. The friend’s conclusion: Good guys have good lives.
3. Job accepts God’s sovereignty but thinks he may have an argument against God’s judgment.
4. Job is overwhelmed when he faced God’s sovereignty.
5. There are many more lessons in the book of Job.

When faced with the overwhelming power of these conclusions, our only hope is:

**God is in control and has our best interest at heart.**

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6. What I hope for is the driving motivator in my life.

As we live life and start out with God a major question is, “What do I hope for out of this life.”

**You will always move in the direction of your hope. Hope is where you see gain in your life.**

**Always let “who you hope in” determine what you hope for… Don’t let what you hope for determine who you hope in.**

The word and concept of hope is pervasive in the Bible. Think through where your hope is and work on your truth system. Surround yourself with people who can assist you in your pursuit of your hope with a God-driven truth system.

There are many other areas we need to understand in our truth system to interpret the Word correctly and behave as Christians.

Some of these are:

1. The purpose of our life here on earth.
2. The inerrancy of the Bible.
3. Our view and relationship with the government.
4. Science challenges of the teaching of God.
5. History of the earth
6. Goings on in the universe
7. Archeology, biology
8. What will happen at the end times? Learn end times’ prophesy.

Application:

Decide where you stand on the observations above and move forward. We will all end up at the Bema Seat. Be prepared.

At least every week, store up some treasure in Heaven.

If you don’t believe the above, then eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow you die. Or as the man watching a man playing Russian Roulette said, “Good luck.”